

Preparatory Committee for the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Draft decision on adjustment to the dates of the Review Conference

1. At its second session, the Committee decided to hold the Review Conference in New York from 26 April to 21 May 2010.
2. Prior to the adoption of the decision there had been concerns about the impact of the capital master plan and, at the time, on the basis of the available information, the Secretariat had informed the Committee that it might encounter some difficulties but that, realizing the importance of the Conference, every effort would be made to accommodate requests for conference services to the fullest extent possible.
3. Starting from January 2010 until the end of the first phase of the capital master plan (temporarily end of 2011, subject to confirmation by the capital master plan), there will be two fewer conference rooms available at United Nations Headquarters and only core activities of calendar bodies will be accommodated. The General Assembly, in its resolution 62/225, requested "bodies whose meetings are listed in the calendar of conferences and meetings, when planning their meetings, especially major or high-level conferences, summits and special meetings, organs created under the Charter of the United Nations, their subsidiary bodies and other intergovernmental organizations and treaty bodies that normally meet at Headquarters to take into consideration the limitations and inflexibility of all conference facilities at Headquarters throughout the construction phase of the capital master plan".
4. Taking into account the latest information on the availability of conference services and facilities as a result of the impact of capital master plan developments, it is necessary to make some adjustments to the dates and conference-servicing requirements for the 2010 Review Conference.
5. It is recommended that the dates for the 2010 Review Conference be postponed by one week, to 3 to 28 May 2010. Changing to those dates should ensure that the requisite conference services and facilities, particularly when parallel meetings with interpretation for the Main Committees are required, will be available. It has also been confirmed that neither Geneva nor Vienna is able to provide the conference services and facilities for the current scheduled dates of the Review Conference.



6. The decision to be adopted reads as follows:

Taking into account the developments resulting from the capital master plan regarding the availability of conference services and facilities, the Committee decides to postpone by one week the currently scheduled dates of the 2010 Review Conference in New York. The Conference will be held from 3 to 28 May 2010.
